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ELKS MINSTRELS OPEN BLACK-FACE COMEDY TONIGHT

Unusual Demand For Seats Indicates House Will Be Packed.

JUDGE HAYS PLAYS THE BEARDED LADY

Angelo Dempsey Impersonates The Wild Man and Shank Kimmel a Spook

If the demand for tickets can be called a barometer of the interest taken in the Big Minstrel show, which opens at the Park theater this evening, the entertainment is an assured success. More than 300 tickets were reserved yesterday, which surpassed expectations.

Charles W. Boutin, who is looking after ticket sales, stated last night that he anticipated a crowded house each evening. The sale of tickets has been large, but only about one third of the purchaser have reserved their seats.

Mr. Boutin oiled up his money fingers yesterday in order that he will be able to prevent any filthy lucre getting away from him this evening. He will receive tickets and look after the change.

The Elks last night left the door unlocked when the dress rehearsal was "pulled off" and a peek at some of the city's best known young men in silky costumes, quickly impresses one that tonight's show will have real merit.

The minstrels who will show their faces tonight expect and invite cabbage or tomatoes if their acting doesn't come up to the heralded standard, the management announced last night.

On the other hand, it is understood on the g. i., that the Elks, who will be ushers, have provided a big box filled with bouquets, one for each of the performers, if he makes a hit. These will be gracefully, unostentatiously, perhaps even modestly lugged down the aisle to the foot-lights and hoisted up to the charmer.

Of course they didn't practice on that feature—receiving the bouquets—last night at the dress rehearsal, but it was easy to imagine how the broad smile could play over W. Palmer Oliver's features as he will modestly accept the token of someone's esteem.

Mr. Oliver—you will recognize him by his bass voice—is what, in common everyday minstrel shows, would be called the End Men. In this show he and Tony Gockel, Robert Nunn, and George Boltz are called "Apostles of Sunshine." Their facial appearance alone, leaving out some of the verbosity that they will cut loose, suggests that perhaps "Apostles of Moonshine" might have been a more descriptive phrase.

Chris Stiver is the only white man in the whole show who looks serious about it, and that's because he has to—he's the receiving end of all jokes, he is the interlocutor! Chris has to sing a song too!

It was reported a while ago that all the hack drivers and hearse men had been requested for the loan of their plug hats. There were not enough, hearses and hacks in town to go around, so the wardrobe boss has been forced to hand out some fancy lids. The "biled" white, war-time dicker will be there.

The most expert colored "gemmen" of the troupe will be Bob Beckman, Leon Haman, Elmer Haman, Art Wielpuetz, Paul Finney, Charles Blackledge and Pooch Gaines. They are mentioned on the program as "Korkers in Kork."

The Sweet Southern Singers will be William Schad, Norman Mozley, Gus Walther, Oliver "Doc" Edwards, "Skinner" Spraks, Alvin Haas, A. B. Gockel and Leslie Patton.

There is yet another section of the singing that will be done by what are called "Beaux Ideals of Melody." In this class will be Eddie Gockel, Leon Bahn, Yorvell Lane, Russell Deal, Cather Ranney, "Hap" Gaines, Charles Blattner and Charles Black.

At one stage Elmer Haman is going to sing a song about a chicken dinner and Tony Gockel will uncork some clog dancing as he wails his tune, "Loading Up the Mandy Lee."

Only one secret has been observed on the programs for this show. The audience will have to guess who Dr.

Stork Will Call On
Champ Clark's Daughter



MRS. JAS. THOMPSON.

New Orleans, Feb. 2.—The stork is expected to make a visit to the home of Mr. and Mrs. James McIlhenny Thompson in the early spring, it became known here today. Mrs. Thompson was formerly Miss Genevieve Clark, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Champ Clark. She was married to Mr. Thompson, who is editor of The Item, last June.

The Thompsons have been a devoted couple. One is never seen in public without the other. Mrs. Thompson has become one of the most popular young matrons in this city.

CAPE PEOPLE WILL ATTEND MARDI-GRAS

Steamer Peoria Will Carry Party To New Orleans Next Month.

A large number of prominent Cape Girardeau people are making arrangements to attend the Mardi-Gras festivities at New Orleans, the first week in March. The Steamer Peoria, the most spacious and luxurious steamboat that ever plied the Mississippi river, will take the party to New Orleans and back on a special Mardi-Gras excursion, which begins at St. Louis March 1, and returns to that city, March 14.

The boat will arrive here on its way down the Mississippi on the afternoon of March 1 and will reach here on its way back on the morning of March 14. Capt. J. L. Stout is taking care of reservations for Cape Girardeauans. He informed The Tribune last night that Mr. and Mrs. William H. Harrison, Mrs. L. F. Klostermann and Mrs. J. L. Stout yesterday had made arrangements to make the trip. Other Cape people informed him yesterday that they would probably go. He is making an endeavor to have at least fifty people from this city make the trip.

After leaving Cape Girardeau stop-overs will be made at Cairo, Memphis, Vicksburg and other points along the way. The party will be in New Orleans four days and the guests will take their meals and spend the nights on the boat.

Capt. Stout stated that round trip rates, which include meals and berths, seats on the reviewing stand and tickets to the Mardi-Gras ball at New Orleans would be \$60 for each person.

The Steamer Peoria has a sleeping capacity to accommodate 200 people. The trip will require 320 hours, or thirteen and one half days, and the round trip will cover 2,600 miles.

J. C. Vorbeck will have in his side-show. Confidentially the characters are:

Dr. W. C. Patton will appear as "Fat Baby;" A. R. Zoelsman will be the "Snake Charmer;" "Shank" Kimmel has been prevailed upon to exhibit as a "Living Skeleton;" Angelo Dempsey as "Wild Man;" and Judge Hays as "The Bearded Lady."

The show will end on a song ensemble, "When all the World's at Peace."

BRITISH LINER IS SUNK IN FIGHT WITH SUBMARINE

Steamship Woodfield Sent To Bottom in Mediterranean By German Craft.

ZEPPELINS SLEW 59 IN RAID OVER ENGLAND

State Department Declares British Steamer Appam Is German Prize.

Special Dispatch to The Tribune.

London, Feb. 2.—The British steamship Woodfield was sunk in the Mediterranean today by a German submarine after a battle which lasted three hours. Eight members of the steamships fighting crew were killed and fourteen others were seriously wounded. The survivors of the crew arrived at Plymouth tonight.

The liner was halted by the submarine, according to reports received by the War Office tonight, and as soon as it got within range, opened fire on the undersea fighter.

The ship, attempting to escape, kept up a constant fire at the submarine, which bombarded the liner in return.

British members of the Cabinet, who have been urging the government to disarm its passenger ships, as requested by the United States, say the fight between the armed steamship and the submarine upholds the contention of Washington.

Special to The Tribune.

London, Feb. 2.—Fifty-nine persons were killed outright and 101 others were wounded by the bombs hurled from the Zeppelins which raided England Monday night, according to the official statement issued this evening by the War Office. Of the dead, twenty were women and children. It was first reported by the government that there had been no loss of life from the attack of the Zeppelins.

Special to The Tribune.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The State Department tonight definitely decided that the British steamer Appam, now anchored in the Norfolk harbor is a legal German prize of war. The decision was announced after the neutrality board, recently created to advise the department, had made an informal report. The formal announcement of the decision will be withheld until it is finally determined what disposition is to be made of the vessel. The announcement tonight pleased the members of the German Embassy.

Special Dispatch to The Tribune.

Washington, Feb. 2.—By a bare majority of one vote, and that cast by Vice President Marshall, the Senate this afternoon passed the Clarke Amendment to the Philippine self government bill, granting independence to the islands within not less than two years and not more than four years.

Special Dispatch to The Tribune.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 2.—President Wilson tonight for the first time sounded the warning that peril menaces the United States from its western coast. After declaring that the whole world is on fire, and that the United States may become involved at any time, he said:

"If these flames creep in on the United States, it may creep in on both coasts. Do you know that great sweep up the Western coast from the Canal to Alaska. And that great sweep up from the Gulf of Mexico to the St. Lawrence.

"There are many good harbors and many cities that would be open to attack. Do you think that a navy that ranks fourth is good enough to guard these long expanses?"

The crowd cheered his sensational remarks and yelled a husky reply to every question he asked. It was the largest crowd that has yet heard the President on his preparedness tour, and the big throng was with him. More than 15,000 people jammed into the auditorium and they gave him their undivided attention.

Roosevelt Says He'll Reply To President Wilson In Magazine



THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

New York, Feb. 2.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt tonight stated that he would reply to President Wilson's charge that he (Roosevelt) would willingly drag the United States into war, if it would advance his own personal interests.

Col. Roosevelt is preparing an article for a magazine on the President's preparedness tour, in which he says he will answer the arguments advanced by the President. He intimated tonight that he would accuse the Chief Executive of attempting to alarm the nation for political purposes.

OPTION ON PARK EXPIRES TODAY

Mayor Kage Says Delay With Bonds Ought Not To Effect Purchase.

Today marks the expiration of the option held by the City for the purchase of the Fairgrounds as a city park, and last night the city officials had not received the \$40,000 city bonds from Jefferson City, where they were sent two weeks ago to be registered.

As soon as the bonds are returned from Jefferson City they will be turned over to the Sturdivant Bank, the purchasers, and the final negotiations in the deal for the purchase of the park from the Fair Association will be concluded.

Attorney R. B. Oliver, Jr., already has drawn the deed which will be used in making the transfer of the property to the city, and if the bonds are received in today's mails, the Mayor and other proper officials may make a trip to the home of Charles Blattner on the Bloomfield road, to have his signature attached to the deed, thus completing the sale.

Mayor Kage yesterday discussed the eventuality of the bonds' failure to arrive from Jefferson City today and declared that he does not believe that a delay of a day or two at this time will affect the sale of the park to the city.

The Fair Association's offer to the city has been accepted by the city's vote in favor of the bond issue with which the park is to be acquired, he said, and the small hitch in the proceedings should make no difference in closing the sale.

The mutual understanding between the city officials and the directors of the Park Board is such that no action has been taken by the Fair Board to grant the city another extension in the time of the option. It was not deemed necessary.

The bonds were sent to Jefferson City two weeks ago today and nothing was heard from the Auditor until Tuesday, when City Clerk Frissell received a reply to a telegram he sent inquiring about the bonds. It was stated in the telegram that the securities would be examined at once and forwarded to the Cape. It cost \$40 to have the bonds registered and a war tax was levied in addition.

TOBACCO FACTORY STOPPED.

On account of the inability of the tobacco factory, on South Frederick

HENRI BOSSE SUES FRATERNAL LODGE

Seeks To Recover \$291.45 From Knights and Ladies of Security.

Henri Bosse, an employee of the Cape Brewery & Ice Co., and who lives at 1306 Bloomfield street, yesterday filed a suit in the Common Pleas Court against the Knights and Ladies of Security, to recover \$291.45, premiums and interest he has paid on an insurance policy in that order.

The filing of the suit reveals that Mr. Bosse has been debarred from the privileges of membership in the order last June, and the lodge refused to accept the money he offered in payment of his premiums.

Mr. Bosse is an old resident of the Cape and is well known here. He made application, his petition asserts, for the insurance policy and membership in the lodge, Cape Council No. 953, in March 1907, and the policy was granted to him so that he began paying dues for march at the rate of \$2.30 a month on a \$2,000 policy.

He declares that he paid his premiums regularly for all months from March, 1907 to May 1915, inclusive, and in all paid the order \$227.30. In June, last, he made a tender of the money and it was rejected and since that time, he asserts, he has made tender of the money each month to the order and each time it has been declined.

The petition also declares that without notifying him of any charges against him and without giving him an opportunity to make a defense to any charges placed against him, the lodge withdrew the protection promised him in the insurance policy which he included as an exhibit.

The policy was signed by T. J. Juden, president, and Charles A. McDonald, corresponding secretary of order. Mr. Juden was not in the Cape last night, having been locked up for the night with a jury at Jackson, it was impossible to obtain a statement from him regarding the suit.

street, to obtain boxes, the supply having been cut off by the high water, it became necessary yesterday to close the factory temporarily.

All the box factories in the Cape are put out of commission by the high water in South Cape and Smeilerville and it probably will be several days before they are started again.

EAST SIDE LEVEE BREAKS, CAUSING \$100,000 DAMAGE

Ten Thousand Acres of Rich Farming Land Inundated as Mississippi Breaks Over Bank, South of Devil's Island.

CAPT. JAYNES SUFFERS LOSS OF \$3,000 HE SAYS TO FALL WHEAT

Controversy Over Cost of Four Acres of Land Is Blamed For Tremendous Loss—Live Stock Perishes East of East Cape.

A break in the levee, just south of Devil's Island, yesterday morning, flooded 10,000 acres of rich farming land, causing a damage estimated at \$100,000. The land inundated is some of the most fertile in the rich tracts of the Mississippi bottoms, and 175 acres of excellent fall wheat, belonging to Capt. A. C. Jaynes of this city, was destroyed.

The collapse of the levee was a result of a cave-in which occurred during the high water last summer. Arrangements were just being made to repair the break, and workmen were on the scene when the present flood came.

Capt. Jaynes, who is one of the East Cape Girardeau & Clear Creek Levee and Drainage commissioners, returned from the flooded district late yesterday, after spending the day there, directing the work of a corps of levee repair men.

The ferryboat Gladys, which belongs to Capt. Jaynes, was kept busy yesterday rescuing livestock from the flooded lands. One hundred head of thoroughbred cattle, eighty hogs and about fifty mules were landed safely in this city yesterday. These were driven from the farms that are now flooded before the water broke out of the stricken channel.

Great quantities of live stock, Capt. Jaynes stated, will not be taken from the lowlands. No effort was made to rescue chickens, small hogs and hundreds of head of other livestock, because of the rapidity with which the overflow water rushed across the stricken area.

Earnest Caldwell, a farmer living near the break in the levee, lost heavily. Some of his most valuable livestock were brought to this city last night on the Gladys, but many of his cattle, horses, mules and hogs perished when the river swept over his farm.

Caldwell owns the land that abuts the river at the point where it broke over yesterday and which was weakened by the cave-in last summer. Four acres of ground running up to the river bank at the break were sought by the levee and drainage commission, of which Capt. Jaynes is one of three members.

"We asked Caldwell to sell us the land immediately after the cave-in," said Capt. Jaynes, "but he wanted us to pay \$1,800, which was more than the land was worth and more than we were willing to pay. We considered \$1,000 the full value of the four acres and made this offer to Caldwell, but he declined it repeatedly.

"A short time ago, we offered him a compromise. We told Caldwell we would pay \$1,350 for the four acres, provided the taxpayers would approve of it. We felt this was really in excess of the value of the land, but it was essential that we get possession of the ground. We intended to supply the dirt necessary to rebuild the levee from these four acres.

"Caldwell finally consented to accept this offer, with the proviso that the people ratified our action. Monday of this week, I went to Cairo to advertise the transaction there, because the land was in the Cairo district, and in order to make it legal, we were compelled to advertise in the Cairo newspapers. I completed my work there as soon as I could and returned home, because I knew the river was then at a dangerous depth and it might break over the weakened levee.

"We put a force of men to work building a dam, hoping to build up faster than the water in the river would rise. But our expectations were not realized. The water simply climbed up until it broke over the cave-in and then swept over the wide area. There are at least 10,000 acres of land

under this tremendous body of water. Ninety-five per cent of the land is rich farms and a large percentage in alfalfa and wheat. Caldwell had a splendid tract of alfalfa. While alfalfa will prevent ground from washing, the grass cannot endure a flood. A field of alfalfa, when once overflowed, is dead. It will be necessary to replant every alfalfa field.

"The wheat is lost also. While there were many tracts of fall wheat that were infested with the Hessian fly, I happened to have a splendid field of about 175 acres. My loss will be about \$3,000, which is insignificant when compared to the losses sustained by farmers whose land adjoined mine.

"William N. Leitner, one of the big stock farmers in the flooded district, lost much grain in addition to his livestock. He had more than 1,000 bushels of corn in the field that had never been gathered. I don't know how much livestock belonging to him was washed away, but his loss is large. Some thoroughbred stock belonging to Leitner and about 200 head belonging to Ira Hastings, another stockman, were taken out of the overflowed district this afternoon by the Gladys.

"While I was in Cairo two days ago, I telephoned a warning to the farmers in this district to get their stock out of the danger zone, but they felt they knew more about it than I did and ignored me. Had they driven their stock to places of safety between the levee opposite the Cape and the strip of lowland which is now inundated, we would have been able to rescue every head of it with the ferryboat. But the loss will be appalling.

"On my trip to and from Cairo, I found conditions deplorable in that territory.

"While I do not believe Cairo is in any immediate danger, the farm lands surrounding that city are in a terrible state. I saw farmers building trestles out in the middle of their farms, and upon these they herded their livestock, where they will remain until the water recedes."

Capt. Jaynes informed The Tribune last night that the river at Cape Girardeau was at least 37 feet. He bases this upon gauges he erected during low water. "It is the highest I ever saw, and I have been here more than a quarter of a century."

John Morrison of the Morrison Ice & Fuel Company, stated yesterday that the Frisco trestle over the creek, just south of the ice plant has been torn loose from its moorings and has been afloat during the past two days. When a train passes over it, he said, the trestle sinks to a depth of almost one foot.

E. Alley, a farmer, living west of Chaffee, lost nine colts and three head of cattle by the flood yesterday. They were caught in a field by the high water and washed down the river.